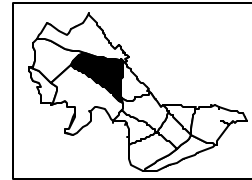


NEIGHBORHOOD 9

PEABODY



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the B&M Railroad, Concord Avenue, Garden Street, and Massachusetts Avenue

POPULATION: 11,794 residents
5,208 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$36,608

Neighborhood #9 is encompassed by Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9D.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	15	8	2	16	9
Street Robbery	2	0	1	0	6
Auto Theft	6	12	13	4	4
Larceny from MVs	14	11	12	4	6
Malicious Destruction	21	10	19	25	10
Drug Arrests	1	0	3	0	0

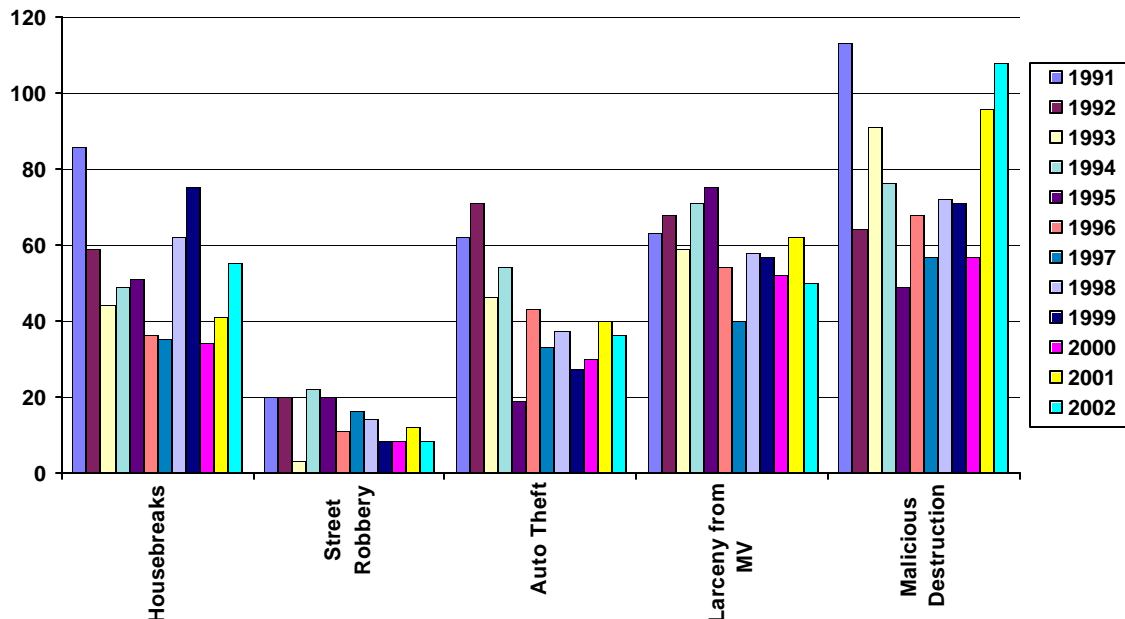
Peabody experienced a range of activity this quarter, increasing in some crimes, while decreasing in others. One of the most alarming trends that transpired was the two *street robberies* that resulted in stabbings. During these robberies, a juvenile would approach a white male between the ages of 40 and 60, and brandish a knife. Money would be demanded from the victims and once handed over, they were stabbed. These men were always distracted when approached – one was carrying groceries while the other was walking his dog. The second victim was nearly three times the size of his assailant, demonstrating the fact that this juvenile was fearless. This culprit was not interested in getting the cash from his victims' either – the \$80 that the second victim gave up was left on the ground for detectives to find. This juvenile was arrest just a short time later as a result of a housebreak he and an accomplice were involved in. At the time of arrest, a folding knife was found near the scene, similar to the one described by his victim's, who were later able to positively identify their assailant. Three other street robberies occurred near the Cambridge Common on Garden St. and similar suspect descriptions were reported. The majority of these scenarios involved youths in their mid to late teens who used strong armed tactics to take money from juvenile victims and in one case, a purse from a resident. These groups usually included more than one male, and one female. The number of *malicious destruction* incidents plummeted 60% in 2003, and all but two incidents were done to cars. A mini-spree of tire slashings occurred in mid-January on Kelly St. Although the number of *larceny from motor vehicle* incidents increased by two, no discernable pattern emerged. These incidents were sporadic where perpetrators were looking for a quick way to cash in on

some stolen goods. In three of the cases, a window was broken and items visible to the eye were taken such as a car stereo/CD player, purse, and briefcase.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Peabody has the second highest population in the city, yet most of its crimes are at or below the city's average. The neighborhood's residents include several large apartment complexes, a public housing development (Lincoln Way) and hundreds of single and double family houses. Peabody boasts two of the biggest public parks in the city: Cambridge Common and Danehy Park. Also contained within its borders is Radcliffe College. Large commercial establishments mark Massachusetts Avenue and Walden Square Road.

- Cambridge Common has traditionally experienced after-dark crimes ranging from **public drinking** and **drug use** to **robbery** to **sexual assault**. Increased preventive patrol has diminished such occurrences in recent years.
- Summer **housebreak** patterns sometimes plague Richdale Avenue and Upland Road. This year, clusters returned to that region, though the crime has radically declined in other sections of the neighborhood.
- **Auto theft** and **larceny from motor vehicles**, though low in this neighborhood, show concentrations on Richdale Avenue and in the triangle formed by Massachusetts Avenue, Upland Road, and Avon Street.
- Drug activity and juvenile crime have long been concerns in the Walden Square area. The Narcotics and Juvenile Units began targeting these areas in 1993 and have almost eliminated the patterns.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR PEABODY AREA TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	150	3	53	5	3
Street Robbery	21	6	14	8	9
Auto Theft	94	8	43	7	6
Larceny from MVs	74	8	60	7	7
Malicious Destruction	135	2	73	9	5

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest